

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ELAB, SF

SUBJECT: DURBAN AFRICAN BUS DRIVERS STRIKE

1. SEVERAL HUNDRED DURBAN AFRICAN BUS DRIVERS WENT ON STRIKE MORNING NOVEMBER 28 FOLLOWING THREATENED DISMISSAL OF AFRICAN DRIVER DUE ALTERCATION WITH BUS COMPANY DESPATCHER. STRIKE BROUGHT TO HALT ALL BUS TRANSPORT AVAILABLE TO AFRICANS, BUT SA RAILWAYS CONTINUES MAINTAIN FULL TRANSPORT SERVICE FOR PRINCIPAL UMLAZI TOWNSHIP. SEVERAL THOUSAND AFRICANS WERE STRANDED AT DURBAN'S VARIOUS AFRICAN TOWNSHIPS LOCATION DUE STRIKE. NUMEROUS DURBAN INDUSTRIES REPORTED AFRICAN EMPLOYEE ABSENTISM EXCEEDING 30 PER CENT. DURBAN TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT BOARD HOLDING SPECIAL MEETING RESOLVE ISSUE AND HAS APPEALED TO EMPLOYERS TO ARRANGE THEIR OWN TRANSPORT FOR AFRICAN WORKERS DURING NEXT FEW DAYS.

2. COMMENT: STRIKE LARGEST TO HIT DURBAN SINCE SERIES OF AFRICAN STRIKES EARLY FEBRUARY AND IS INDICATIVE OF CONTINUING TENSE LOCAL AFRICAN LABOR SITUATION. IT UNCLASSIFIED

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PERHAPS SIGNIFICANT THAT STRIKE RESULTED NOT FROM

ACTUAL DISMISSAL BUT ONLY THREATENED DISMISSAL OF DRIVER.  
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